

Board of Director Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2013

ATTENDEES: Ron Kral, President
Leo Cardillo, Vice-President
Ann Atcheson, Treasurer
Jim Gerding, Board Member
Ken Davis, Board Member
Francesca Mazarella, Board Member
Sheryl McEwan, Board member
Lucy McCoy, Newsletter Editor
Livingston Johnson, Unit Game Director

CALL TO ORDER: The President called the November Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday November 19, 2013 at the Dolley Madison Library in McLean, VA. Board members absent were Alan Dockterman and Lynne Beresford.

Secretary's Report

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October Board of Directors' meeting, which upon the motion of Jim Gerding, seconded by Ron Kral, were approved unanimously. Lucy McCoy took the minutes for the November meeting in Alan Dockterman's absence.

Treasurer's Report

1. Ann Atcheson presented the Board with a proposed budget. After a review of the main budget items, Jim Gerding made a motion to approve the budget as proposed, Sheryl McEwan seconded the motion and the budget was approved unanimously.

2. Ann noted that in 2014 the rent at the Elks Lodge for Sectionals will go up from \$3680 to \$4200 per tournament.

3. *Bridgemate* rental. Currently three club directors are renting *Bridgemates*. They are Jim Dick, Kevin O'Brien and Norma Pierzchala. Should a problem occur with the timely return of *Bridgemates* from club directors to the Unit Game on Thursday nights, NVBA Unit Game Director Livingston Johnson has a set of *Bridgemates* in his car and a server that could be used in emergencies. Should the Unit need to use Livingston's or any other club director's *Bridgemates*, it will pay the club director the same fee that it charges club directors to use the Unit's *Bridgemates*.

Bridge-in-Schools (B-i-S)

1. There is \$4200 in the budget for Bridge-in-Schools programs for 2014.

2. Sheryl McEwan is trying to track down an ACBL Bridge-in-Schools pamphlet with guidelines to provide B-i-S volunteers.

Unit Game

1. The Board reviewed the proposed Unit game schedule for 2014. Jim Gerding made a motion to lower the strat for Flight C in the B/C section of the Unit Game from 0-750 to 0-500 and to change the assignment of players to strats by averaging the pair's masterpoints instead of going by the number of points held by the highest rated player in a pair. Ken Davis seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Lucy will make the changes on the joint schedule template and send it to Don Berman to incorporate with the WBL changes.
2. There is one date on the 2014 Unit Game schedule—September 25—when Beth El is unavailable to the NVBA because it falls on a Jewish holiday. Sheryl, Ken, Leo and Ron agreed to contact various church, Shiner, KOCH and other places where there are halls we might rent for that game on September 25 when we need an alternate site. As soon as a site is identified and contract arrangements are made, it will be noted on the 2014 Unit Game schedule.
3. Ron Kral has run statistics on attendance at the Unit Game over the past couple of years in an effort to determine who used to attend the game regularly and why their attendance has dropped off. He reminded Board members that we need to get the word out that players who bring a new player to the Thursday night Unit Game will be awarded a Free Play.

Holiday Party

--Ron Kral is going to order the main course for the Holiday Party from Red, Hot & Blue. As in the past, players are being asked to bring side dishes or a dessert, and there is a \$10 charge for players who do not bring food but do eat dinner at the party. Volunteers to bring eggnog/wassail and poinsettia plants still need to be identified.

--The Secretary needs to have thank you cards available for the Treasurer to put end-of-year bonus money in for the Unit Game Director, four I/N Game Directors, Caddies as used, six Beth El employees who help with setting up and taking down tables, etc., and NVBA Sectional Tournament Chief Director Doug Grove.

Other Items of Business

1. Regionally-Rated Games at Sectionals: In response to a request from NVBA Sectional Tournament Chair Margot Hennings, the Board approved the inclusion of two regionally-rated games at upcoming NVBA Sectionals, but will not absorb the cost of the additional \$1.00 that these games will cost. A decision on whether the surcharge collected will go to Grass Roots Fund events or ACBL-sponsored charity events will be made on a case-by-case basis. For the record, subsequent to the last Board meeting, the Board voted on a request from Margot regarding how players are assigned to strats at Sectionals. The Board voted to adopt the method now used in most D6 Regionals and many Sectionals to assign pairs and teams to

their strat by averaging their masterpoints. This practice will start with the NVBA Sectional in February 2014, and the following language will appear in future Sectional ads: ***STRATIFICATION of events is based on average masterpoints of the team or pair. In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual's total Masterpoint holding may exceed that upper limit.***

2. "The Longest Day" games in 2014: Norma Pierzchala is interested in holding an event in 2014 in support of the ACBL's "The Longest Day" nationwide activity to fund Alzheimer's research. Ron Kral will contact her about the budget she proposes for her event, what rent if any KOCH will charge her for that event, what director fees if any need to be paid, and the cost of refreshments. Her proposal will then be brought to the Board to vote on how much the NVBA wants to spend to subsidize this activity.

3. Available Unit Game Championship sanctions for Offer to Bridge Clubs: Unit Game Director informed the Board that there are 2 unused Unit Game Championship sanctions this year that could be used by NVBA Bridge clubs to award extra masterpoints, but they need to be used by the end of 2013. The Board asked Club Liaison Ken Davis to notify all the clubs of the availability of these sanctions and find out how many clubs are interested in using one of them. Ron Kral will do a drawing from the clubs who express interest to award the sanctions to two of those clubs. Once the clubs are selected, Livingston Johnson needs to put in the sanction request to ACBL for these clubs to use these Unit Championship sanctions.

4. Dave Murray award: The Board voted to award the Dave Murray Sportsmanship trophy to Mike Cappelletti, Sr. posthumously.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next NVBA Board meeting will be held on December 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the George Mason Regional Library in Annandale, VA. NVBA members are invited to attend. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy McCoy